

Bill for Ayurvedic System of Medicines

1462. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government intend to introduce a Bill to enable introduction of Goods Manufacturing Practice (GMP) for the Ayurvedic System of Medicines; and

(b) if so, by when the Bill would be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]:

(a) and (b) The Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) for Ayurved, Siddha and Unani Drugs have been notified under Rule 157-Schedule 'T'-of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act-1940 and Rules-1945, with effect from 23rd June 2000.

This has statutory force.

Special Technology Mission for Population Control

1463. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of Special Technology Mission to be set up in six States for population control;

(b) whether participation of private sector or NGOs has been ensured in the said programme;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof and how it would be monitored;

(d) whether it is a fact that India has, so far, not been able to control her population growth, despite so many planning and programme; and

(e) what is the reaction of Government on it and how the shortcomings would be overcome now?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]:

(a) At the first meeting of the National Commission on population,

Prime Minister has announced the formation of an Empowered Action Group within the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in particular for paying focussed attention to the six weekly performing States *viz.* Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Orissa, Assam and Uttar Pradesh.

(b) and (c) The Non-Government Organisations have already been involved in the implementation of the National Family Welfare Programme. The monitoring and appraisal of programmes implemented by NGOs has been strengthened by a system of Mother NGOs and Field NGOs attached to them. For the implementation of the National Population Policy, 2000 the Government will actively enlist the support of NGOs as well as private sector, in a concrete way.

(d) and (e) The impact of the family welfare programme is significant since its inception in 1952, though not enough. The new National Population Policy approved by the government in February, 2000 seeks to put in place a multi sectoral agenda for population stabilisation which includes increasing out-reach and coverage of reproductive and child health care services, strengthening of health infrastructure, meeting the unmet need for contraception services, and converging of integrated service delivery at village and household levels.

Addiction to Intoxication

†1464. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new generation is gradually being addicted to intoxication;

(b) if so, whether Government have conducted any survey for treatment of youths who are the victims of addiction to intoxication; and

(c) the number of de-addiction centres all over the country and the number of people living in them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.